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#### JP 9-32919

A cylindrical portion extending in the axial direction is formed on an outer periphery of a wall member. A clutch is supported in the cylindrical portion. The wall member also functions as a drum member which transmits rotation of an input shaft to the clutch by connecting bottom inner peripheral side of the wall member to the input shaft.

#### JP 11-182579

In an automatic transmission hydraulic clutch provided with (i) a clutch drum provided with a clutch plate on the inner peripheral surface, (ii) a clutch support that rotatably supports the clutch drum, (iii) a clutch hub provided with a clutch disc which connects with and separates from the clutch plate, (iv) a clutch piston for connecting and separating the clutch plate and the clutch disc, and (v) a cancel piston which forms a cancel chamber for canceling centrifugal hydraulic pressure applied to the clutch piston, (a) the clutch drum inner cylindrical portion includes a large diameter portion and a small diameter portion, and is shaped so that it encases a clutch support end surface, and (b) a sliding portion between the clutch drum inner cylindrical portion and the clutch piston is provided on the small diameter portion of the clutch drum inner cylindrical portion.

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A cancel hydraulic pressure chamber is provided concentrically, and to the outside in the radial direction, with respect to a piston hydraulic fluid chamber. As a result, it is possible to cancel centrifugal hydraulic pressure without increasing the dimensions of the transmission in the axial direction, thereby making the clutch mechanism compact and lightweight.

JP 2-50550

A plurality of clutches are arranged on the same axis.